



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RICHARD KNAUER ET AL.) Conf. No.: 3656
SERIAL NO: 09/990,654)
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FOR: A HEARING PROTECTIVE DEVICE) Examiner: Fadi Dahbour
AND METHOD OF MAKING THE)
THE SAME)

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111, WITH AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2004, please enter the following:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks, beginning on page 10 of this paper.

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